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AS PROMISED PER PARA 6 REF A THERE FOLLOW MOST IMPORTANT
POINTS CONTAINED IN MOMBASA PORT GUIDE MEMO TO BE DIS-
TRIBUTED TO LIBERTY PARTY ON ARRIVAL SHIPS AT MOMBASA:

1. MOMBASA IS A VERY FRIENDLY TOWN. THERE ARE NO "OFF
LIMITS" AREAS AND IT IS SAFE TO SWIM ANYWHERE EXCEPT IN
THE HARBOUR. NO SPECIAL HEALTH PRECAUTIONS ARE NECESSARY.

2. CIVILIAN CLOTHING SHOULD BE WORN ASHORE AT ALL TIMES.

3. DO NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF POLICEMEN, MILITARY OBJECTS
OR THE PRESIDENT OF KENYA.

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4. IF YOU ARE MOORED AT A BUOY THE FLEET LANDING IS KNOWN AS "K

BOAT STEPS."

5. IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT ASK TO BE TAKEN TO THE KATHERINE BIBBY HOSPITAL AND NOT OTHER.

6. IF YOU ARE ARRESTED FOR ANY REASON DO AS THE POLICE SAY AND AS SOON AS YOU REACH THE POLICE STATION ASK TO PHONE THE DUTY OFFICER AT THE KENYA NAVY BASE (TELEPHONE 451351) AND GIVE YOUR NAME AND THE LOCATION OF THE POLICE STATION WHERE YOU ARE BEING HELD.

7. YOU MAY BE OFFERED BOTH HARD AND SOFT DRUGS. BOTH ARE ILLEGAL AND THE PENALTIES ARE HEAVY AND SOME OF THE OFFERS MAY BE FROM POLICE INFORMERS. JAIL SENTENCES ARE COMMON FOR THIS OFFENCE AND THE PRISONS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE.

8. TAXIS: AGREE ON THE PRICE BEFORE YOU RIDE. AS A GUIDE 10-15 SHS. FROM THE PORT TO THE TOWN CENTRE AND 30-40 SHS. TO THE BEACH HOTELS NORTH OF TOWN.

9. SIGHTSEEING: THE MAIN POINTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST ARE FORT JESUS AND THE OLD PART OF THE TOWN. FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE TOURIST INFORMATION BUREAU ON KILINDINI ROAD. OFFICE HOURS ARE 0800-1200 AND 1400-1630.

10. SHOPPING: MOMBASA IS A RESORT AREA SO PRICES ARE NOT CHEAP BUT AMONG THE BETTER BUYS ARE PRINT SHIRTS AND DRESSES, WOOD CARVINGS AND GAME TROPHIES. SHOPS ARE GENERALLY OPEN UNTIL ABOUT 1800 HOURS. BARGAIN FOR EVERYTHING YOU BUY.

11. CURRENCY: MAY BE EXCHANGED ON BOARD AT THE OFFICIAL BANK RATE. HOTELS AND LARGE SHOPS ARE LICENCED TO EXCHANGE CURRENCY, ALTHOUGH THEIR RATE IS LESS FAVOURABLE. IT IS ILLEGAL TO CHANGE MONEY WITH TAXI DRIVERS OR ANY OTHER UNLICENCED PERSON. MARSHALL

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